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Forward and Acknowledgements

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General is pleased to send you the Provincial Directory of Restorative Justice Programs. We are committed to supporting communities that have developed or are developing Accountability Programs that use restorative approaches to address crime. This directory, prepared by the Chilliwack Restorative Justice and Youth Diversion Association, reflects an emerging partnership between the province and citizens who are taking initiative at the local level.

Since 1998, several Community Accountability Programs have been initiated in British Columbia. This directory was developed in an attempt to increase information sharing and networking among programs. It outlines program contact information, target audiences, program structure and model, goals and objectives, referral types and sources, funding support, staffing structures, training and volunteer information.

We hope that this directory becomes a contact resource for you and we trust that it will provide you with the necessary information you require to connect with other programs and establish networks province wide. The directory is presented in binder format so that it can be supplemented with information on additional programs as they emerge over time. This information will also be made available on line at www.takingastand.com.

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Secwepemc Community Justice Program	Kamloops
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Surrey Youth Intervention Program	Surrey
Trail Youth Justice Program	Trail
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Whu Neeh Nee' - Guiders of Our People	Prince George

100 Mile House Community Accountability Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	First-time offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To prevent first time offenders from committing a second offence.
Program Model:	Family Group Conferencing (Community Justice Forum)
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Theft, minor drug possession, family conflict
Support/ Funding:	Community; start-up grant from Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG)
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	8 facilitators; 1 coordinator
Years in Operation:	4
Partners Involved:	RCMP, volunteers, Crown, municipality
Training:	RCMP Community Justice Forum facilitator training
Indicators of Success:	96% (completion rate with no-recidivism one year later)
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Having RCMP buy into program
Resources Available:	Community facilities; volunteers

Chehalis Indian Band

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Chehalis community
Goals and Objectives:	To provide preventative measures
Program Model:	Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, community, Crown, self
Referral Types:	Theft under, mischief, minor assault, etc.
Support/ Funding:	Start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	Facilitators, Elders, Assessment Committee
Years in Operation:	1
Partners Involved:	Chilliwack Restorative Justice; Qwi:qwelstom
Training:	Restorative Justice facilitator training, peacemakers joint training; fish and wildlife - historical abuse, Qui:qwelstom
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Non-acceptance from some youth; need more community involvement
Resources Available:	Health and Family Services, Elders, anti-drug task force, Qwi:qwelstom, neighboring restorative justice programs.

Justice Alternatives - Lakes District

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Undecided (At information stage)
Target Group:	Youth ages 12 to 18
Goals and Objectives:	Crime Prevention
Program Model:	RCMP Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, Victim Services
Referral Types:	Theft, mischief, B&E
Support/ Funding:	None
Staffing Structure:	RCMP member as Coordinator
Volunteers Involved:	30 +
Years in Operation:	New program
Partners Involved:	College of New Caledonia; RCMP
Training:	RCMP Community Justice Forum facilitator training for all volunteers.

Castlegar and District Community Justice Forum

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Council which has become a Society
Target Group:	Youth and adult first-time offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To provide restorative justice which will facilitate achievable accountability of first time offenders, while acknowledging the rights and needs of victims, thus enabling the participants to reintegrate into the community.
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	All except homicide or domestic violence
Support/ Funding:	Local support, start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	1 Coordinator, 8 others
Years in Operation:	3 years
Partners Involved:	RCMP
Training:	Community Justice Forum facilitator training (RCMP)
Indicators of Success:	In 47 cases, only 2 have re-offended (94% success)
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Resolutions that are effective and useful to the community; issues of divorce, abuse, neglect, etc.
Resources Available:	Community financial support

West Shuswap Alternative Measures

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Umbrella Organization
Target Group:	Adult and young offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To provide an alternative response for first-time offenders
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	To be determined
Referral Types:	To be determined
Support/ Funding:	Local
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	To be determined (approximately 10-14)
Years in Operation:	Program not yet operational as of April 2002
Training:	Community Justice Forum facilitator training (RCMP)
Resources Available:	Community support, use of meeting rooms, supportive media, and local trainer.

Tsilqhotin Community Justice

Contact Information

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Young offenders: Aboriginal and other
Goals and Objectives:	To help primarily First Nations youth find a better path for life.
Program Model:	Aboriginal Peace Making Circle
Referral Source(s):	RCMP; Crown; Condition of Sentence; Condition of Discharge from Custody; Community (Chief and Council, families)
Referral Types:	All
Support/ Funding:	Provincial and Federal Government contribution agreement
Staffing Structure:	1 Coordinator; 2 Field staff
Volunteers Involved:	20 Co-Facilitators
Years in Operation:	4
Partners Involved:	Ministry of PSSG; Justice Canada; Tsilqhotin National Government; ICBC
Training:	Critical incident stress debriefing; problem solving and conflict resolution; facilitation
Indicators of Success:	Less recidivism; less first-time offenders; less incarceration; reduction in crime rates in member communities; less violence; more trust between RCMP and communities.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Racism; infrastructure (lack of phones and roads); cultural values; language.
Resources Available:	Handbook; self-directed training manual and video "How to Build a Community Based Organization"; Handbook and Video "Aboriginal Justice - Peacemaking Circles".

Chilliwack Restorative Justice and Youth Diversion Association

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Program Information

Structure of Program:	Non-profit, Society
Target Group:	First-time offenders ages 12 and up. (May accept youth under 12 after discussion with referral agency and guardian.)
Goals and Objectives:	To provide solutions to victims and first-time offenders. To reconnect offenders with their families, victims, and the community. To promote a safer community. To educate and promote public awareness of Restorative Justice principles.
Program Model(s):	Community Accountability Panel and Community Justice Forum.
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, Crown Counsel, Schools (pilot project).
Referral Types:	Category 3 and 4, plus minor assaults, arson, possession, etc.
Support/ Funding:	Grant from City of Chilliwack, in-kind donation from RCMP (office), service club donations, community donations.
Staffing Structure:	Full-time contractor as "Program Coordinator", part-time contractor as funds permit, practicum students.
Volunteers Involved:	Approximately 30: mentors, committee members, facilitators, public awareness, fundraising, office support.
Years in Operation:	Since May 1998
Partners involved:	Crown Counsel, RCMP, City, School District, service providers, community work hour sponsors, restitution sponsors.
Training:	Orientation for new volunteers, including observation of three meetings. Buddy system (pairing new and established volunteers). Ongoing training through monthly meetings, with special guest presenters. Special training sessions when available (College, RCMP).
Indicators of Success:	RCMP program assessment completed in 1999, shows low incidence of recidivism, and high satisfaction from all parties involved. Assessment currently being conducted by student of University College of the Fraser Valley.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding; lack of youth programs, resources, and services; maintaining high level of community support.
Resources Available:	Operations Manual (on website and available from National Crime Prevention Centre), Facilitation Guide for Panel Members, speakers, trainers, resource library in office; support programs for youth (Restoring Relationships, Counseling, etc.)

Qwi:qwelstom

Contact Information

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Sto:lo First Nations Program
Target Group:	First Nations within Sto:lo territory
Goals and Objectives:	To repair harm and restore balance and harmony after a dispute
Program Model:	Traditional Sto:lo Process. Case-by-case dealing of disputes to restore harmony and balance within families and communities.
Referral Source(s):	Self referrals, community members, RCMP, Crown Counsel
Support/ Funding:	Provincial and Federal governments
Staffing Structure:	Justice Coordinator, 2 Justice Workers, 1 Youth Worker
Volunteers Involved:	20
Years in Operation:	3
Partners Involved:	Sto:lo House of Justice
Training:	Circle Facilitator training
Indicators of Success:	Increase in referrals, requests for presentations, community support, no incarcerations.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Educating the public regarding the process; lack of financial resources.
Resources Available:	Elders; access to counseling services and programs.

Clearwater Restorative Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	RCMP, non-profit (via Rotary Club)
Target Group:	First-time offenders (youth and adult)
Goals and Objectives:	To provide an alternative to sentencing
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Support/ Funding:	Start up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	4, 1 Volunteer Coordinator
Years in Operation:	1 ?
Partners Involved:	Rotary Club
Training:	In-house
Indicators of Success:	Parents are happy
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Lack of referrals
Resources Available:	CAP Binder

Community Youth Justice Program

Contact Information

Fraser-Burrard Community Justice Society
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Program Information

Structure of program:	Operated by Fraser Burrard Community Justice Society (registered society)
Target Group:	Youth accused of chargeable offences in Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore, Belcarra, and Port Coquitlam; Victims of these crimes.
Goals and Objectives:	To enhance the quality of justice in the Tri-City communities through restorative measures, which attempt to repair the harm caused by crime, resole conflict and restore balance to relationships.
Program Model:	Modified Family Group Conference with co-facilitators.
Referral Source(s):	Police; some community and school referrals.
Referral Types:	Mostly category 3 and 4 offences (mischief, B&E, assault, theft). *Not restricted to first time offenders.*
Support/ Funding:	50% municipal government, 50% other (mostly private), start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	2 half-time Program Managers, 1 half-time Program Assistant
Volunteers Involved:	9 Board members, 10 active facilitators (current training in progress to increase number)
Years in Operation:	Accepting cases since January 2000
Partners Involved:	Police; school district; MCFD; community resources (volunteer work placements, youth employment agencies, family programs, drug and alcohol services, anger management program).
Training:	Facilitators complete 80 hour training program covering restorative justice principles and models of practice, communication skills, mediation, youth and victim issues, and community resources. New volunteers paired with experienced volunteers as co-facilitators.
Indicators of Success:	Anonymous evaluations completed by participants at end of resolution conference show high satisfaction. 98% of youth have successfully completed terms of their conference agreements.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Operating funds; Lack of provincial support challenges ongoing municipal funding; Pressures to accept referrals for non-criminal incidents; Volunteer retention; Need for community education.

Cranbrook Community Restorative Justice

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Program Information

Structure of program:	RCMP and Community operated
Target Group:	Young and adult offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To increase referrals and train new volunteers.
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	Police, crown, probation, schools
Referral Types:	Property offences, neighborhood issues, mischief, assault.
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	2 facilitators
Years in Operation:	5
Training:	Community Justice Forum facilitator training
Indicators of Success:	Very low recidivism rate; referrals from police greatly increased.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Training new volunteers; advertising program.
Resources Available:	Conference facilities provided.

Creston Valley Community Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Program run out of Creston RCMP Detachment (Cpl. Terry MacKELLAR)
Target Group:	Youth and adult offenders.
Goals and Objectives:	To provide a quality service to the community.
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	Over 90% RCMP
Support/ Funding:	Grants and donations; start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	10
Years in Operation:	Program started in 2000, but then lost its coordinator. Program is starting again, May 2002.
Partners Involved:	Local businesses, and Lower Kootenay Band.
Training:	Facilitators trained by RCMP.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Keeping volunteer staff.
Resources Available:	RCMP, other programs in the province.

Dawson Creek Community Justice Program

Contact Information

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Runs under the detachment with a steering committee made up of private citizens, the NCO i/c and Ops NCO. Not formally incorporated as a society.
Target Group:	Young offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To reduce crime by young offenders in the community and bring some healing to the victims of crime through consultation and communication with offenders.
Program Model:	Family Group Conferencing based on the Sparwood model (as designed by S/Sgt. Jake Bouwman)
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, Probation, Crown, and victims who request the service
Support/ Funding:	Start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG. No ongoing funding.
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	3 on Steering committee, and 6 facilitators
Years in Operation:	4
Partners Involved:	RCMP members, Crown, Defense Counsel, Judge, Mayor and Council, community
Training:	In house training provided to new facilitators
Indicators of Success:	Community willingness to be involved in the program and asking for it on many occasions; no repeat offenders; observed behavior of participants following a session wherein they are happy, feel they received a benefit from the program, and speak very positively about the experience as opposed to traditional courts; we have had a couple of incidents where the offender has worked at a victim's business to pay back the offence, then the business has been so happy they hired the people.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Proper funding to train volunteers and expand the program; not having a full time coordinator.

The Province is saving a lot of money through this system and should be funding it rather than us always having to do more with less. Without funding in the future all programs will fail.

More training and information sessions should be held in the North so volunteers don't have to travel to the Lower Mainland.

Fernie Youth Assistance and Accountability Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	RCMP
Target Group:	Young offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To be an alternative to court and reduce the number of repeat offenders.
Program Model:	Victim - Offender Reconciliation
Referral Source(s):	Police
Referral Types:	Criminal offences
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	2 (coordinator and facilitator)
Years in Operation:	6
Training:	Coordinator and facilitator attended seminars
Indicators of Success:	Reduced recidivism rate
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Extra work for members to be involved in structured program

Fort St. John Community Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit program under the umbrella of the Northern Peace Society.
Target Group:	First-time offenders of any age.
Goals and Objectives:	To create conditions for an offender to fix their mistakes for themselves, repair the harm they have done, and return to the community strengthened. To provide the victim(s) with support needed to give a voice to their hurts and needs. To facilitate and draw out each forum participant's human capacity to forgive and be forgiven and to heal and be healed in order that relationships can be healed and transformed.
Program Model:	Victim-Offender Mediation
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, schools, private citizens.
Referral Types:	Theft under, B&E, assault, threats, fraud, mischief, possession, arson, etc.
Support/ Funding:	Gaming Commission, bingo, raffles; donations; grants
Staffing Structure:	One paid Program Manager
Volunteers Involved:	10, facilitators
Years in Operation:	6
Partners Involved:	RCMP, Northern Peace Community Resources, Northern Peace Addictions Services, Salvation Army, SPCA, MCFD, City, First Nations Friendship Centre.
Training:	RCMP facilitation training.
Indicators of Success:	Decreasing rate of non-compliance; low recidivism; positive feedback from families and victims.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Finding qualified trainer to train facilitators; high drop-out rate of facilitators; selling program to RCMP; lack of time for PR; lack of support for offenders; lack of community service hours placements; community perceptions of "justice"; increasing demands, and lack of funding.

Comment: I would like to see a central support and information centre for Alternative Measures Programs where we can call in to get information and support. We are an isolated community in the province and it would be nice to connect with other programs so we can encourage and support one another.

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Program Information

Structure of organization: Non-profit society

☆☆ CJIBC has three programs which will each be described here. ☆☆

Victim Offender Reconciliation Program

Contact:	Eric Stutzman, Lydia Steer, or Catherine Bargen
Target Group:	Youth and adults from Delta to Abbotsford
Goals and Objectives:	To affect understanding and reconciliation between victim and offender; to involve community people in work with problems that normally lead into the criminal justice process.
Program Model:	Victim Offender Mediation, Conciliation, and application of various restorative justice models
Referral Source(s):	Crown, probation
Referral Types:	B&E, theft, assault, mischief, etc.
Support/ Funding:	Provincial Alternative Measures contracts; private donations
Staffing Structure:	Two full-time equivalents
Volunteers Involved:	10: involved in case development and facilitation
Years in Operation:	21
Partners Involved:	Crown Counsel, Probation
Training:	36 hour training in restorative justice and Victim Offender Mediation, or Justice Institute Certificate plus three day Victim Offender Mediation orientation.
Indicators of Success:	New understanding; victims and offenders encountered by each other as real people; responsibility taken; healing of relationships; agreements reached and carried through; victim restitution; service; behavioral contracts; low recidivism.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Limited public sector funding; limited community resources to which to refer clients; co-opting of restorative justice by retributive criminal justice system.

Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives Association

Victim Offender Mediation Program

Contact:	Sandi Bergen or David Gustafson
Target Group:	Victims, offender, and their families impacted by serious and violent crime throughout BC and the Yukon
Goals and Objectives:	To meet the needs for healing and closure for people responsible for or harmed by the most serious and violent crime.
Program Model:	Facilitated Therapeutic Dialogue, Applied Restorative Justice
Referral Source(s):	Victim assistance providers, National Parole Board, Correctional Service of Canada staff, Therapists, Native Elders, religious leaders
Referral Types:	Serious and violent offences (e.g. murder, rape)
Support/ Funding:	Correctional Services of Canada
Staffing Structure:	Two full-time
Volunteers Involved:	None
Years in Operation:	12
Indicators of Success:	Therapeutic gains (victim trauma recovery and offender empathy development); high participant satisfaction in objective evaluations; new understanding; victims and offenders encountered as real people; responsibility taken; healing of individuals and relationships.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Highly controversial nature of work; "politicization", and territorial claims.

Education for Peacebuilding

Contact:	Eric Sutzman or Catherine Bargen
Target Group:	Langley School District
Goals and Objectives:	To build capacity for respectful, peacemaking, and restorative justice interventions at every level in the Langley School District educational hierarchies, thereby reducing the incidence of adversarial, punitive, and retributive response to conflicts and tensions that arise.
Program Model:	Applied Restorative Action (varied by situation)
Referral Source(s):	Any person in the Langley School District
Referral Type9:	All types of conflict with real harm
Support/ Funding:	Grants; School District funding; private donations
Staffing Structure:	One full-time equivalent
Volunteers Involved:	Many in various schools
Years in Operation:	2
Partners Involved:	Langley School District
Training:	Five day training in Restorative Justice

Indicators of Success:	New understanding; people harmed and causing harm are encountered as real people; responsibility taken; healing of relationships; agreements reached and carried through.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Provincial funding cuts to education system.

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	First-time adult and young offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To offer another option for victims, police and offenders
Program Model:	Alternative Resolution (Sparwood model)
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Minor offences, where victim is in agreement
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	Coordinator, plus 3 facilitators
Years in Operation:	7
Partners Involved:	Civilian member coordinators
Training:	Seminars put on by Attorney General
Indicators of Success:	Victim satisfaction; offender's parent see more consequences than through court.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Training new community member (previous coordinator moved)

Granisle and Area Community Accountability Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Under RCMP Detachment with Community Consultative Group
Target Group:	First time offenders
Goals and Objectives:	Offender accountability through community involvement
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Criminal Code offences, Type 4
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	Under development
Volunteers Involved:	1 Facilitator (trained by RCMP)
Years in Operation:	2
Partners Involved:	RCMP, school, Village Counsel, social workers
Training:	RCMP Community Justice Forum facilitation training
Indicators of Success:	98% of cases have not re-offended
Challenges/ Obstacles:	FAS; drugs; lack of recreational facilities
Resources Available:	RCMP, social workers, drug and alcohol counselors.

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit society
Target Group:	Local young offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To provide closure and, if needed, financial restitution for the victim(s); to provide an opportunity for the young offender to understand the impact of the offense; to integrate, through community work hours, the youth into his/ her community and foster a feeling of responsibility in the youth; to refer youth to anger management and/ or drug and alcohol counseling, if needed.
Program Model:	Community Accountability Panel with mentors.
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, Crown Counsel
Support/ Funding:	Start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG; local funding.
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	9
Years in Operation:	A little over 1 year
Training:	Initial training provided by another area program. In house training for volunteers.
Indicators of Success:	We have accepted 27 youth, and 20 have completed the program successfully and have not re-offended.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Youth who come from homes where there is no reinforcement of youth's rehabilitation; youth from foster homes, where foster parents are hampered by their inability to enforce rules.

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	First-time young offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To promote awareness and education of restorative justice philosophy, principles and practice; to facilitate reconciliation in relationships between victims, offenders, and the community; to strengthen our sense of community by involvement in a restorative process in an effort to reduce crime; to facilitate a process whereby victims, offenders and community experience justice.
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Category 3 and 4 (theft, mischief, fraud, etc.)
Support/ Funding:	Community, start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	1 Program Coordinator, 18 facilitators and Board members
Years in Operation:	10 months
Partners Involved:	RCMP
Training:	Community Justice Forum facilitator training

Secwepemc Community Justice

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Whispering Pines/ Clinton Indian Band administers the program.
Target Group:	Youth and adult offenders
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum, Alternative Measures (youth and adult)
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, community, schools, Crown Counsel
Support/ Funding:	Start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Volunteers Involved:	25

Kaslo Restorative Justice Committee

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Circle of volunteers
Target Group:	People who are in conflict with each other or with the law
Goals and Objectives:	To learn and integrate the values and principles of restorative justice into our lives; to build capacity in the community to have heartfelt dialogue about difficult issues; to assist persons in conflict with others or the law in arriving at their own mutually agreeable settlements when requested; to give considered options and recommendations to justice professionals, government, and others.
Program Model:	Flexible (uses principles of Peacemaking Circles, Victim Offender Reconciliation, and Family Group Conferencing).
Referral Source(s):	Community, schools, police, court, probation
Referral Types:	Any conflicts
Support/ Funding:	Donations
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	7 facilitators and 5 supporting members
Years in Operation:	Since August 1997
Partners Involved:	Teachers, school administrators, politicians, RCMP, inmate restorative justice groups, and community.
Training:	Experiential training and dialogue about values and principles.
Indicators of Success:	Committee members have incorporated restorative justice principles into relationships and workplaces; over 25% of the community's population has attended public educational events; high satisfaction of clients.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Political agenda of "getting tough on crime"; retributive social conditioning; enormous volunteer time and effort to introduce officers to the principles and processes of restorative justice because of RCMP relocation.
Resources Available:	Support and guidance from psychologists, criminologists, judges, spiritual advisors, native elders and other restorative justice groups and practitioners; library of books, articles, websites and videos.

KRJC members co-facilitate Alternatives to Violence Project workshops.

Central Okanagan Restorative Justice

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Central Okanagan Boys and Girls Club is non-profit organization acting as the home agency. Provides a regional approach which includes central administration and local implementation for 5 communities.
Target Group:	Youth ages 12 to 18
Goals and Objectives:	To provide a regional program that is centrally administered and locally implemented; to provide an RCMP referred, non-court alternative for youth who are involved in a minor chargeable incident for the first time.
Program Model:	Community Conferencing Model, plus mentor.
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Category 3 and 4; Drug Free Zone incidents (We have integrated policies among the RCMP, SD #23, and Central Okanagan Restorative Justice).
Support/ Funding:	Term funding from all four levels of government (City, Regional, Provincial, Federal); project funding from service groups.
Staffing Structure:	Full-time paid coordinator reports to Executive Director of Central Okanagan Boys and Girls Club.
Volunteers Involved:	30; administrative, case management, records management, events management, "front line" volunteers; all volunteers trained as facilitators, co-facilitators, and mentors.
Years in Operation:	Coordinator hired August 2000; Volunteers trained January 2001; First referrals received March 2001.
Partners Involved:	Advisory Committee members
Training:	Orientation training by Boys and Girls Club; facilitation training by Transformative Justice Australia; mentor training by Community Services; ongoing monthly training.
Indicators of Success:	Evaluation process is under development.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Consistent funding to sustain the program.
Resources Available:	Articles, books, and videos; display equipment and materials.

Kitimat Restorative Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Under umbrella of Kitimat RCMP
Target Group:	All offenders
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	Coordinator and 5 volunteers
Years in Operation:	3
Training:	Community Justice Forum facilitator training
Indicators of Success:	Low recidivism rate; positive response from participants, as shown in post conference evaluations
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Making the public aware of our presence.

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit under LS Resource Centre umbrella organization for financial account management and for charitable donations
Target Group:	Young and adult offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To prevent re-offending and assist teen and parent growth.
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum; CAP from Ministry of PSSG
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Category 3 and 4 offences
Support/ Funding:	Town of Ladysmith and local individual/ club donations; start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	10: Coordinator; facilitator; co-facilitator
Years in Operation:	3
Partners Involved:	ADAPT Youth at Risk Worker/ Youth Mental Health Worker
Training:	Community Justice Forum facilitator training
Indicators of Success:	Completion of Conference requirements with 95% one year later
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Need for ongoing progress program after completion of case to follow offender and assist with counseling, etc.; getting weekend community hours for youth in school.
Resources Available:	Limited

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Youth and adult offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To educate, reduce crime, and encourage participation
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum (RCMP)
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Criminal Code offences
Support/ Funding:	Community Policing Access Centre
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	16: facilitators and mentors
Years in Operation:	5
Partners Involved:	Police, community
Training:	Given locally. Both facilitators and mentors attend workshops.
Indicators of Success:	Low recidivism rate; client satisfaction
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Keeping resolutions creative and relevant.
Resources Available:	Two instructors on Detachment

Langley Youth and Family Services

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Local government-funded service with a mandate to provide service to police referrals and "at risk" community referrals.
Target Group:	Children and Youth who come in contact with the law or potential conflict with the law and are identified by acting out behavior.
Goals and Objectives:	To prevent child/ youth entry into the criminal justice system by strengthening families and reducing child/ youth and family problems where the child/ youth are identified by potential or actual conflict with the law; to coordinate community conferences to address responsibility and accountability for their behavior and address the repair of harm experienced by the victim; to promote early identification and early intervention for the purpose of crime prevention for children/ youth.
Program Model:	Integration of family counseling with Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	Police, community (schools, physicians, MCFD)
Referral Types:	Theft under, behavioral concerns
Support/ Funding:	Municipal governments and short-term funding from NCPC grant.
Staffing Structure:	Half-time Coordinator/ Facilitator
Volunteers Involved:	Volunteer program is in development
Years in Operation:	1 ?
Partners Involved:	RCMP; Township and City of Langley; Langley Child and Youth Committee
Training:	Justice Institute courses
Indicators of Success:	Low recidivism; agreements completed; family self-report on behavior change and satisfaction; victim satisfaction; family counseling assessment.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Integrating family counseling and community conferencing with the two services enhancing each other's work.

Lumby Community Accountability Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Non-violent, first-time young offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To provide restitution in a restorative process.
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Non-violent
Support/ Funding:	Private; RCMP veterans; community
Staffing Structure:	1 coordinator (5 hours a week)
Volunteers Involved:	12: steering committee and trained facilitators
Years in Operation:	2 ?
Partners Involved:	Whitevalley Community Resource Centre; RCMP; high school; health unit; Lumby Counsel; Crossroads Learning Centre
Training:	5 volunteers completed Community Justice Forum facilitation training March 2001
Indicators of Success:	Increased awareness of Community Justice Forum in Lumby; decrease in recidivism with young offenders
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding; networking with the province; the existing administration structure of Community Justice Forum
Resources Available:	Library books, meeting space and office equipment (in-kind)

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit Society
Target Group:	Young offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To participate in the Community Accountability Program established by the Ministry of PSSG. To develop and increase public participation in the alternative justice system programs. To stimulate lay and professional participation, assessment and improvement of alternative justice programs. To target young offenders and intervene in criminal behavior early and decisively in order to prevent such behavior from recurring
Program Model:	Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, Probation, Crown Counsel
Referral Types:	Theft under, mischief, community disputes, (discussion in progress of possibly accepting school and workplace disputes)
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start up grant from Ministry of PSSG; $250 per year from District of Mackenzie
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	Board of directors, Program Coordinator, and FGC facilitators (12)
Years in Operation:	Three (The Justice Alternatives for Mackenzie Society was registered on June 29, 1999)
Partners Involved:	Municipal (District of Mackenzie) provides rooms, provincial, and federal governments for funding; RCMP; local business
Training:	Family Group Conferencing facilitation certificates for all facilitators and Program Coordinator
Indicators of Success:	Use of program by RCMP, local businesses, etc.; low incidence of recidivism; testimonial evidence from Program Coordinator
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding; need for more support from local businesses; use of the program by RCMP.
Resources Available:	None yet.

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Young offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To step in at the first offence and by intervention and community involvement prevent re-offending, while including the victim. We will provide one-on-one mentoring and access to other service providers. We help the offender understand the impact of his/ her actions. We hope to leave each youth with a sense of empathy and involvement.
Program Model:	Community Accountability Panel, plus mentoring
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, Crown
Referral Types:	Category 3 and 4; some category 2
Support/ Funding:	Municipal Councils
Staffing Structure:	Coordinator; Assistant Coordinator
Volunteers Involved:	29: mentors and committee members
Years in Operation:	7 ?
Partners Involved:	Business community, special needs groups, churches. Etc.
Training:	Ongoing in-house training with occasional professionals brought in.
Indicators of Success:	Low rate of recidivism one year later
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding.
Resources Available:	Board of Directors; supportive community.

Community Peacemaking Circles

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Community coalition, advised and supported by Advisory Group (sub-committee of the District of Mission's Justice Council)
Target Group:	Anyone in Mission who is in conflict and wishes our help
Goals and Objectives:	To facilitate Community Peacemaking Circles for motivated parties instead of - or before, throughout, and after - the criminal justice process. Inclusiveness is inherent in all circle or victim mediation processes.
Program Models:	Peacemaking Circles, VORP, Circles of Support, Multi-Party Mediation. Model is based on needs of case.
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, community, and schools
Referral Types:	Criminal and non-criminal conflicts
Support/ Funding:	Limited; applying for funding through municipal projects.
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	5 trained facilitators, 2 coordinators, and more than 20 other community members assisting and supporting our work
Years in Operation:	Less than one
Partners Involved:	Advisory committee made up of members from School District, Probation, Parole, RCMP, and Downtown Business Association; community groups.
Training:	Trained Victim-Offender Mediation mediators, facilitators, and circle keepers.
Indicators of Success:	Satisfaction with the program; continued community support.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding; resources are often taxed (volunteers have limited time. Paid staff would move the process along more quickly.)
Resources Available:	We partner with many community groups, service providers, and churches. We have built important relationships with many within and outside of our community who have been assisting us in this project.

Nanaimo Region John Howard Society
Restorative Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	First-time offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To provide an alternative program for dealing with offenders who have committed an offence and who have little or no criminal history.
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP; Crown
Referral Types:	Varied
Support/ Funding:	NRJHS; start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	1 Coordinator
Volunteers Involved:	10 Facilitators
Years in Operation:	4
Partners Involved:	RCMP
Training:	Community Justice Forum facilitation training by RCMP
Indicators of Success:	Conference evaluations; 98% successful completions
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit umbrella organization: Community Police Advisory Committee
Target Group:	Young offenders
Program Model:	Victim Offender Conference
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Support/ Funding:	Community group donations
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	1 Coordinator, 2 Trainers, 5 Facilitators
Years in Operation:	Since 1997
Partners Involved:	North Cowichan/ Duncan RCMP
Training:	Two day program, plus co-facilitation
Indicators of Success:	Disposition agreement completed
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding

Arrowsmith Community Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Minor offenders in Parksville/ Qualicum
Goals and Objectives:	To restore harmony in our communities
Program Model:	Modified Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, Crown
Referral Types:	Category 3 and 4 offences
Support/ Funding:	City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum, start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	1 paid coordinator
Volunteers Involved:	44 (6 are School District volunteers only)
Years in Operation:	3
Partners Involved:	RCMP, Qualicum First Nations, City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum
Indicators of Success:	Evaluations; high completion and compliance rate; low recidivism rate; increased use of program.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Maintaining interest and skills of volunteers.
Resources Available:	Human resources!

Peachland Restorative Justice

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit umbrella organization (Peachland Community Policing)
Target Group:	First-time young offenders in Peachland
Goals and Objectives:	To operate a "community" Restorative Justice program consistent with the 2000 Ministry of PSSG's C.A.P. Guidelines.
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Theft under, B&E, minor assault, bullying, mischief, etc.
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	Volunteer Coordinator, Volunteer Assistant Coordinator
Volunteers Involved:	9, Facilitators
Years in Operation:	2002 Start-up
Partners Involved:	None
Training:	All Peachland Restorative Justice volunteers are RCMP certified facilitators; Coordinator attended VORP Mediation Workshop, Revelstoke (Aug 01)
Indicators of Success:	To date, training of volunteers, a community forum, and media PR.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Obtaining RCMP cooperation and referrals; maintaining community and media support and interest.
Resources Available:	Private secure meeting rooms in the Peachland Community Policing Office; trained, capable volunteers; adequate operating funds.

Penticton RCMP Crime Prevention Unit

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Operates under the umbrella of a non-profit society, Penticton Crime Prevention Institute
Target Group:	First-time young offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To offer victims and offenders a meaningful way to resolve and repair harm done through petty crime; to teach offenders the importance of accountability, responsibility, and the value of making good choices.
Program Model:	Group or Resolution Conference Model
Referral Source(s):	Police
Referral Types:	Provincial Statute offences and Criminal Code offences which are Summary Conviction or dual procedure
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG; Penticton Crime Prevention Institute
Staffing Structure:	Staff member from Penticton Crime Prevention Institute coordinates program part-time
Volunteers Involved:	Facilitators
Years in Operation:	Since 2000
Partners Involved:	RCMP Crime Prevention Unit
Training:	Restorative Justice Seminars, along with local training
Indicators of Success:	High completion rate; low recidivism rate.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Human resources; being able to change the "mind set" of the community with respect to following new processes when dealing with Young Offenders; convincing all available resources to work together in a community for a common good.
Resources Available:	Mentoring programs, community service opportunities, drug and alcohol counseling, parenting programs.

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Structure of program:	Non-profit society
Target Group:	First-time offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To maintain a community driven group of volunteers, linked with the local schools and RCMP case files; to build bridges between the surrounding three First Nations Bands utilizing the Elders from each Band; to ensure the community takes responsibility for their citizens.
Program Model:	Community Based Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Minor offences
Support/ Funding:	National Crime Prevention Centre; in-kind from RCMP; start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	1 paid coordinator
Volunteers Involved:	49 volunteers: mentors, facilitators, recorders (plus 11 RCMP officers)
Years in Operation:	2 1/2
Partners Involved:	Links with 27 local agencies; town of Port Hardy; RCMP
Training:	Training by RCMP; on-going in-house training
Indicators of Success:	97% success rate; on-going evaluations; feedback from members of the community.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Loss of volunteers (due to job market)
Resources Available:	Meeting rooms in community; Program Manual

Port McNeill RCMP Community Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Young and adult offenders
Program Model:	Group Conferencing (Community Justice Forum)
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, School District
Referral Types:	All offences except domestic violence or sexual assault
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PGGS
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	Volunteer manager, plus 10 volunteers
Years in Operation:	3 1/2
Training:	Community Justice Forum facilitator training
Indicators of Success:	High rate of compliance; low recidivism rate
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding; legislation for non-compliance

Whu' Neeh Nee' - Guiders Of Our People

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit, Umbrella
Target Group:	First Nations community
Goals and Objectives:	To resolve family disputes; to promote community participation; to foster confidence in the process; to ensure the mechanism is accessible
Program Model:	Mediation, negotiation, arbitration
Referral Types:	Legal disputes

Prince Rupert Restorative Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Umbrella
Target Group:	Youth and adults, with a First Nations focus
Program Model:	Community Accountability Panel; Family Group Conferencing; Sentencing Advisory
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, Crown, other organizations
Referral Types:	All offenses
Support/ Funding:	Department of Justice
Staffing Structure:	1 ? paid staff positions
Volunteers Involved:	Justice Committee: 8
Years in Operation:	2
Partners Involved:	Department of Justice, RCMP, Native Community
Training:	Community Justice Forum facilitator training
Indicators of Success:	Increased number of files; client satisfaction; agency satisfaction
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Lack of funding; lack of resources; funding instability; underutilization.

School District #69 Qualicum Restorative Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Directed by School District #69. Accountable to School District Committee and Superintendent
Target Group:	School District #69 students and employees
Goals and Objectives:	To provide an alternative to conventional discipline.
Program Model:	Modified Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	School staff and administration
Referral Types:	Disciplinary or minor criminal incidents
Support/ Funding:	School District #69
Staffing Structure:	1 Coordinator
Volunteers Involved:	18 School District volunteers
Years in Operation:	2
Partners Involved:	P.A.C.; SD #69 PVPA; SD #69 CUPE and MATA (teachers); RCMP; School Board
Training:	8 to 10 week, on-site, locally developed training program
Indicators of Success:	Evaluations submitted; completion of obligations in contracts; increased use of program.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	School AOS may be reluctant to ask for help.
Resources Available:	School and community facilitators, conference teams.

Quesnel Community Accountability Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	First-time youth and adult offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To involve the community in solving the problems associated with crime and provide the motivation and personal help to keep the first-time offender from becoming a repeat offender.
Program Model:	Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	Police
Referral Types:	Less serious offences, such as theft under, possession of stolen property, minor assault, causing a disturbance; and mischief.
Support/ Funding:	City of Quesnel provides wages for employee for 4 hours per week.
Staffing Structure:	One part-time coordinator
Volunteers Involved:	5 trained facilitators
Years in Operation:	4
Partners Involved:	City of Quesnel, RCMP
Training:	Facilitators trained by role playing with students from a drama class, meeting with a police officer, and observing conferences.
Indicators of Success:	Upon completion, each case is assessed a compliance rate.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Getting police officers on board with the program.
Resources Available:	Real Justice Training Manual; Provincial Community Coordinator, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Community Connections

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit/ Umbrella organization
Target Group:	Young offenders, adult offenders, victims.
Goals and Objectives:	To create opportunities for Restorative Justice or Collaborative Justice.
Program Model:	CJIC model used in Langley at Justice Initiatives/ VORP
Referral Source(s):	Police, occasionally Probation, Crown
Referral Types:	Minor Criminal Code offences
Support/ Funding:	Grants; community donations
Staffing Structure:	One mediator (hourly rate)
Volunteers Involved:	N/A
Years in Operation:	3
Partners Involved:	City; Columbia River Basin; Community Connections umbrella; BC Ministry of PSSG
Training:	Victim-Offender Reconciliation Training Program offered at Justice Initiatives and delivered by CJIC, Langley.
Indicators of Success:	Client satisfaction sheets have all been positive.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Getting referrals.
Resources Available:	Contact with other communities; reading materials; phoning Justice Initiatives in Langley for advice.

Revelstoke hosted a VORP Mediator Workshop September 2001 with funding from Crime Prevention Canada. Eric Stutzman from CJIC was the facilitator. It was a great opportunity for mediators from Okanagan/ Thompson/ Columbia and Kamloops to attend.

The program is in the process of setting up a meeting with the RCMP to promote/ support this community program.

Richmond Restorative Justice

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As of April 2002 this program is at the planning stage only. It is awaiting City Council approval.

Community Justice of Salt Spring Island

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Under co-sponsorship of the Salt Spring Community Services Society, the RCMP, and the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association.
Target Group:	Youth and adult offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To significantly reduce minor crime in our community; to restore peace of mind to victims of crime; to help offenders accept responsibility for their actions; to respond appropriately and rapidly to first-time criminal acts; to provide an opportunity for offender-victim reconciliation; to provide a means to make amends and to learn appropriate ways to solve problems; to be responsive to the needs of the victim, the offender, and community; to develop a sense of community.
Program Model:	Victim-offender reconciliation, plus mentorship
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, Crown
Referral Types:	Minor offences, including simple assault but not including domestic violence; traffic offences
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG; gifts from individuals and organizations; office space from RCMP; accounting services and insurance through Salt Spring Community Services.
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	50: chair/ facilitators, mentors, record keepers, pseudovictim (in "victimless" crime), training officer, coordinator, administrative
Years in Operation:	4
Partners Involved:	Salt Spring Community Services Society, the RCMP, and the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association.
Training:	12 hours up front for all volunteers and ongoing monthly in-service.
Indicators of Success:	Number of volunteers who remain active; evaluation at each step in the process; annual evaluation by team members; support from the public; victim and offender satisfaction.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding; accepted use of alcohol (and other drugs); time.
Resources Available:	A binder for workers in the program (available to others for $3.50)

Eagle Valley Youth Community Measures Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Youth and adult offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To provide an avenue of integration back into the community for persons offending
Program Model:	Community Accountability Panel and Community Justice Forum
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Criminal Code offences
Support/ Funding:	Start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG; no ongoing funding
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	12
Years in Operation:	6 years
Training:	By probation from Salmon Arm Community Justice Forum facilitation training.
Indicators of Success:	Most youth have finished their tasks and seem to be okay.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	All our resources are centered in Salmon Arm. We have "people resources" in Sicamous.

At this time, I am looking into restructuring our program and extending to more of the community.

Peninsula CrossRoads Community Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit society
Target Group:	Young offenders in Sidney and North Saanich
Goals and Objectives:	To assist in resolving criminal problems of less serious nature by bringing together victim, offender, significant supporters and community members deemed helpful. To take a transformative approach to understanding the needs underlying the offending behavior and aim to help address systemic problems.
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum/ Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	RCMP; Central Saanich Municipal police; School District; community organizations/ individuals for conflict resolution.
Referral Types:	Typically Category 4 - theft, mischief, minor assault, etc.
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG; in 1999; in-kind contributions from community supporters (office, meeting space, auto expenses, printing)
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	25 active members. Executive Committee, public speakers, area coordinators, facilitators, mentors, historian, school liaison, trainer.
Years in Operation:	3
Partners Involved:	Police services (RCMP and municipal); School District; Peninsula Community Services
Training:	A lead trainer, certified to train Family Group Conference facilitators by REALJustice and an experienced probation officer, both with VORP training, conduct 2-day basic training for volunteers. Monthly Facilitator Clinics. Mini workshops at monthly volunteer meeting.
Indicators of Success:	Conference agreement completion; School District administration is progressive in introducing restorative measures in school discipline.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding for office support, training subsidies, conference expenses, auto expenses, etc; consensus on training models, training providers, and cost.
Resources Available:	Supportive media; availability of human services experts.

Surrey Youth Intervention Program -
Surrey RCMP Community Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	RCMP Community Policing Division
Target Group:	First-time young offenders (ages 9 to 17)
Goals and Objectives:	To provide a professional, early intervention service to youth and their families; to minimize child and youth entry into the Criminal Justice System; to hold young offenders accountable for their behavior; to offer victims an opportunity to be actively involved with the offender in the reparation process; to provide the offender with skills necessary to make clear, positive decisions; to provide victim satisfaction with meaningful and immediate consequences for youth.
Program Model:	Holistic and Systemic Counseling Model
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Minor offences
Support/ Funding:	City of Surrey
Staffing Structure:	1 Supervisor and 1 staff
Volunteers Involved:	2 or 3 practicum/ internship students
Years in Operation:	8
Training:	Program orientation, close supervision in liaison with University Internship Program
Indicators of Success:	Low recidivism rates; evaluations
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding; staffing resources
Resources Available:	Partnering with the community businesses and non-profits.

Trail Youth Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure:	Administered by an Advisory Board
Target Group:	Young offenders
Objective:	To implement Section 69 of the Young Offenders Act; to provide a forum which educates young offenders on the emotional and practical impact of crime on their victims and others in the community; to hold young offenders accountable for their behaviors, while reconnecting them with the community; to work in partnership with the Justice System; to represent the rights and needs of the victim; to deal with offenses promptly; to involve the community.
Program Model:	Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	First-time category 3 or 4 offenses, or second time offenses where the first offense was a minimum of two years prior.
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	12: Board, Coordinator, facilitators
Years in Operation:	5
Partners Involved:	RCMP
Training:	In house Community Justice Forum, and on communication skills, justice system, victimization.
Indicators of Success:	Positive feedback on follow-up evaluations.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Extreme lack of funding.
Resources Available:	Program pamphlet, Program Standards, Program Policy and Procedures.

Victim Offender Mediation Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Operated by non-profit agency
Target Group:	Youth (12-17) who have committed a criminal code offence for which they could be charges in the Lower Mainland
Program Model:	Flexible Victim Offender Mediation/ conferencing model
Referral Source(s):	Police, probation, defense counsel, judges
Referral Types:	All offences
Support/ Funding:	MCFD; start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	1 paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	Several volunteer mediators
Years in Operation:	Since 1998
Training:	Provided through Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives
Indicators of Success:	Positive follow up meetings and evaluations; completion of agreements.

Vancouver Aboriginal Transformative Justice Services

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Adult offenders (young offender program in development)
Goals and Objectives:	To provide aboriginal people who come into contact with the law and the people affected by their actions with a safe, supportive, and culturally appropriate process that leads to healing and overall wellness.
Program Model:	Community Council Forum
Referral Source(s):	Provincial and Federal Crown
Support/ Funding:	Federal and Provincial government
Staffing Structure:	1 Program Director, 2 Coordinators, 1 Administrative Assistant
Volunteers Involved:	30
Years in Operation:	Over 2
Partners Involved:	Various community services and organization as referral sources.
Training:	In-house and contract
Indicators of Success:	Reduced recidivism; offender and victim satisfaction and perception of fairness; community involvement.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding; program awareness; referral type and rate.
Resources Available:	Small library.

Vancouver Association of Transformative Justice: Just Solutions

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit, Umbrella organization
Target Group:	Vancouver communities
Goals/ Objectives:	Education
Support/ Funding:	VanCity/ National Crime Prevention Centre
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	7 directors
Years in Operation:	2

North Saanich/ Sidney Restorative Justice - RCMP

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit. Part of the Peninsula Cross Roads group.
Target Group:	Offenders in the District of North Saanich and town of Sidney (areas served by RCMP Saanich Detachment)
Goals and Objectives:	To establish a team of facilitators who are residents living in two areas - facilitators who are experienced and well trained and are committed to addressing the community based restorative justice needs of the area, to working with the RCMP, the schools and other community agencies involved with the families in the area.
Program Model:	RCMP (Community Justice Forum) model
Referral Source(s):	RCMP, schools, community agencies.
Referral Types:	Criminal offenses; school issues.
Support/ Funding:	$5000 start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG; expect to receive funds from community; hope to get funds from prov./ fed. gov't.
Staffing Structure:	One paid coordinator (who is member of the Peninsula Cross Roads organization).
Volunteers Involved:	4 trained facilitators (10 more scheduled for training)
Years in Operation:	1
Partners Involved:	RCMP; Peninsula Community Services; schools; both municipalities; Chambers of Commerce; local newspapers.
Training:	RCMP Community Justice Forum training; additional ongoing development seminars and monthly meetings.
Indicators of Success:	valuation of successful completion of the agreement done at the end of the session, how the offender's behavior was affected, the victim's feedback. 95% of the forums are successful.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Need more assistance from Provincial and Federal Governments.
Resources Available:	Start-up grant; great volunteers; meeting rooms provided by local hospitality business; administration resources from RCMP.

We would be pleased to provide information to anyone who would be interested in the progress we are making in setting up a Restorative Justice support group through the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee. E-mail at the above address for more information.

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Youth and adult offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To promote principles of restorative justice
Program Model:	Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	Police
Referral Types:	Category 4 offences
Support/ Funding:	Community support; start-up grant from Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff (in development)
Volunteers Involved:	Facilitators
Years in Operation:	1
Partners Involved:	Justice system, police, municipality, other restorative justice groups
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Funding; school participation
Resources Available:	Human support from City Council; mentors in other restorative justice organizations

Restorative Justice Oak Bay began in May 2001. We are about to apply for Society status. Election of the first Board is scheduled for May 2002.

Restorative Justice Saanich

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit organization
Target Group:	Adult and youth of the municipality of Saanich
Goals and Objectives:	To educate the citizens of Saanich about restorative justice through the media, meetings, contact with schools, etc. (See note at bottom of page)
Program Model:	Community Justice Forum/ Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	Ideally Saanich Police Dept.; expecting from Saanich Recreation, and perhaps some schools.
Referral Types:	Category 4 (theft, mischief, assault, fraud, etc.)
Support/ Funding:	In-kind from Saanich Recreation (meeting space); application in process for $5000 start-up grant from Attorney Ministry of PSSG
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	30: 16 trained facilitators plus Executive.
Years in Operation:	Since May 2001
Partners Involved:	Saanich Recreation, Boys and Girls Club Services, Saanich Rotary Club.
Training:	Monthly meeting including videos and discussion; Facilitator training by RCMP or Etta Connor
Indicators of Success:	Evidence of greater public awareness and knowledge; number of conferences and agreements completed; satisfaction of participants; range of issues addressed at conferences.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	Securing a working relationship with Saanich Police; maintaining a strong community-based program; countering tendencies for established, traditional justice-related organization to co-opt restorative justice into less fully restorative models; increasing the public's awareness, knowledge, and appreciation; funding; developing and managing a non-directive regional resource; maintaining the initial and main focus of restorative justice, yet moving unobtrusively into transformative justice.

In January of 2002, the Saanich Police Board allocated a one-year contract to the John Howard Society. We are currently exploring ways to cooperate with the JHS to enable our 16 trained facilitators to provide conferences in their (4 different) neighborhoods. We expect to provide conferences to Saanich Recreation for incidents which occur with youth in their four Recreation Centres.

Saanich Community Justice Program

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Umbrella of non-profit
Target Group:	First time offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To bring together the victim, the offender and their respective support groups with a trained and experienced John Howard facilitator. To assist participants in gaining healing, closure and satisfactory reparation.
Program Model:	Community Justice Conferencing Model
Referral Source(s):	Saanich Police Department
Referral Types:	Low risk and minor first time offences
Support/ Funding:	In progress - Community Partners are being canvassed
Staffing Structure:	Coordinator through John Howard
Volunteers Involved:	6: 3 facilitators, 3 co-facilitators
Years in Operation:	Commencing April 2002
Partners Involved:	RCMP
Training:	Ongoing Conflict Resolution and Conferencing Model
Indicators of Success:	Victims, offenders and community members will be asked to complete evaluations.
Resources Available:	Current programs administered by John Howard Society

Saanich Community Justice Program is guided by a community advisory Working Group which meets bi-monthly with West Shore RCMP, John Howard Board Members, Program Coordinator and a Volunteer Facilitator.

Restorative Justice Coalition

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Program Information

Goals and Objectives:	To strive towards nonviolent and pro-social attitudes that will ultimately lead to a more peaceful society.
Staffing Structure:	No paid staff
Volunteers Involved:	Volunteers from outside the prison have all been involved with restorative justice processes throughout the world. Some are currently involved in going to Uganda and other parts of Africa. Some are involved in Native healing circles. We have people involved with the RCMP and youth organizations.
Years in Operation:	3

The coalition is based inside William Head institution, which is a federal penitentiary. We are a coalition of many different and varied groups within the institution such as Alternatives to Violence Project, First Nations, Non Violent Communications and also we have many outside members.

We discuss a variety of topics that range from each person's personal issues to conflicts around the world. We sponsor workshops that open dialogue and exchange of ideas and ideals that explore possibilities outside, and within, the judiciary system. We invite guests to participate from colleges, the courts, police, prison staff and interested parties from the general public.

Spirit of Justice

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Program Information

Target Group:	Aboriginal offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To establish, formulate, initiate and promote mechanisms to foster the Aboriginal community involvement in the justice process, therefore, ensuring successful integration of Aboriginal persons who are in contact with the criminal justice system.
Program Model:	Pre-sentence conferencing; pre-release conferences (assistance with parole applications)
Referral Types:	Criminal Code offences

West Shore Community Justice Program

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Program Information

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Target Group:	First time offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To bring together the victim, the offender and their respective support groups with a trained and experienced John Howard facilitator. To assist participants in gaining healing, closure and satisfactory reparation.
Program Model:	Community Justice Conferencing Model
Referral Source(s):	West Shore RCMP
Referral Types:	Low risk and minor first time offences
Support/ Funding:	In progress - Community Partners are being canvassed
Staffing Structure:	Coordinator through John Howard
Volunteers Involved:	6: 3 facilitators, 3 co-facilitators
Years in Operation:	1 year
Partners Involved:	RCMP
Training:	Ongoing Conflict Resolution and Conferencing Model
Indicators of Success:	Victims, offenders and community members will be asked to complete evaluations.
Resources Available:	Current programs administered by John Howard Society

West Shore Community Justice Program is guided by a community advisory Working Group which meets bi-monthly with Saanich Police Department, John Howard Board Members, Program Coordinator and a Volunteer Facilitator.

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Program Information

Structure of program:	Non-profit
Target Group:	Youth and Adult offenders
Goals and Objectives:	To repair the damage and minimize further harm caused by the offending behavior and to maximize the social justice achieved for victims, offenders, and other members of the community affected by the offending behavior.
Program Model:	Family Group Conferencing
Referral Source(s):	RCMP
Referral Types:	Where an offender admits responsibility and has willingness to repair harm.
Support/ Funding:	Williams Lake Community Policing
Staffing Structure:	Community Police Officer oversees group
Volunteers Involved:	12: facilitators, record keeper
Years in Operation:	5
Partners Involved:	RCMP
Training:	Community Justice Forum facilitator training
Indicators of Success:	Number of referrals; positive participant feedback; low recidivism rate; presentations to community groups are well received; School District has shown an interest in having conferencing in schools; First Nations band has asked for assistance in setting up conferencing.
Challenges/ Obstacles:	We are always in search of just sanctions that are acceptable to the person affected by the offending behavior and/ or the community at large, which, at the same time, give the offender an opportunity to feel he or she is doing something to make up for the wrongful behavior; no funding sources readily available.
Resources Available:	Brochure for educating the community; detailed booklet for committee members.